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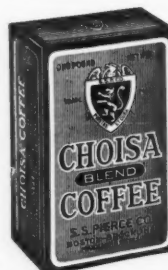
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I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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IT was the biggest Be Kind to Animals Week ever.

WANTED — a new series of school text-books, inculcating humanity to animals.

THE press of the country has opened its doors to the Be Kind to Animals movement and asked it to be seated.

THE "Humane Supplement" to the *Charleston American* of April 20 gave publicity *par excellence* to Be Kind to Animals Week.

BLITHELY but soldierly marched the mascots with the returning heroes of the Yankee Division. They did their "bit," as many a soldier can tell.

WERE not our domesticated animals fundamentally of excellent character, they would lose all their virtues from the way in which we treat them.

MORE and more the theater managers of the country are refusing to book acts with performing animals. They were waiting only for the appeal of the Jack London Club.

IF civilized man gave of himself to his fellow-man as freely and unselfishly as does the dog to his human master, there would be no room in our lives for doubt or greed or dishonesty or suspicion.

ONE of the finest tributes ever paid the horse was when some one said of the Morgan breed: "Their greatest characteristic is that they enter into consultation with the driver, or rider, whenever there is a difficulty."

REQUESTS for free humane literature are ever increasing. Our Societies would spend \$100,000 a year, if they had it (as some of our denominational missionary societies are doing), to humanely educate the coming generation.

THE schools are taking up the Jack London Club movement against the trained animal performance. From the Washington Allston Grammar school, Boston, we received in one mail 101 unsolicited signed pledges.

ANOTHER PROCLAMATION

ON this page last month we were able to give the Proclamation for Be Kind to Animals Week by Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts. This month we are pleased to publish another Proclamation from a New England Governor — that of Governor Holcomb of Connecticut:—

State of Connecticut

By His Excellency

MARCUS H. HOLCOMB

Governor

A PROCLAMATION

That the state of Connecticut may continue and enlarge the good work which it has been doing these many years, I hereby proclaim the week beginning April 21 as

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

and set aside Sunday, April 27th, as Humane Sunday.

The appalling losses of millions of human lives brought about by the barbarity and untold cruelty of the Great War, are a striking reminder of the need of kindness and humane-ness not only in men's mutual relationships but in their treatment of dumb animals.

I, therefore, especially urge the teachers in the schools throughout the State earnestly to strive to inculcate in the minds and hearts of the young a love of justice and fair play, and I urge upon all citizens of Connecticut the cultivation of kindness and mercy in their treatment of those dumb animals which may be subject to their control.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-third.

MARCUS H. HOLCOMB

By His Excellency's Command:—

FREDERICK L. PERRY
Secretary

ONE need not fear to caution or reprimand the cruel driver — he is too cowardly to do you any personal injury. Cruelty is the stamp of the bully; kindness the trade-mark of the gentleman.

DR. ROWLEY ON PACIFIC COAST

THIS number goes to press too early for more than a brief account of President Rowley's speaking tour of California, Oregon and Washington. He arrived in San Francisco April 1, and after a few days' rest with friends in that city began a very strenuous campaign of daily addresses on humane education, which continued, almost without interruption, through the entire month.

Some idea of his speaking engagements may be obtained from a letter just received from Dr. Rowley, in which he mentions the following places in California: Sacramento; Vallejo — two addresses, one at the high school, one at a public meeting; Santa Rosa; San Francisco, two addresses, one at the Normal school, one before the general public; San Jose, two addresses, one before the Normal school and one at the College of the Pacific; Santa Barbara, at State Normal school; Pasadena, public meeting; San Diego, State Normal school, also public meeting in Unitarian church; Santa Ana, high school; Los Angeles, Men's City Club; Riverside, public meeting; Bakersfield, at city school; Fresno, State Normal school.

In Washington President Rowley spoke at the public forum in Tacoma on a Sunday night; also at Seattle, Yakima, Olympia, and Bellingham. There were other appointments being arranged in places unknown to the speaker at the time of writing. Where two addresses were given in a single place, they were on the same day.

"My reception has been most cordial," writes Dr. Rowley, "and the Societies seem most interested and glad to cooperate." Special mention should be made of the splendid service of Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols for what she has done in Oregon and Washington.

At last writing, Dr. Rowley was expecting to be back in Boston by May 12. Our readers will be interested to read his own account of his tour, which will appear in our issue for July, he having found it impossible to write for this issue more than the short letter found on page eight, while speaking so often at such widely-separated places.

Our readers are urged to clip from *Our Dumb Animals* various articles and request their local editors to republish. Copies so mutilated will be made good by us on application.

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IF you never happened to see this magazine before, probably you are wondering what the Jack London Club is. It's a society with no officers and no dues. It was started, primarily, because of Jack London's disclosures of the cruelties behind the trick animal performances in our theaters and other places. He was no sentimentalist. He never cried "wolf" when there was no "wolf," or asked you to weep when there was no cause for tears. But he says that in the trained animal performance cruelty has blossomed into its perfect flower.

To join this Club all you have to do is to agree to do the one thing that London says will finally banish these performances from the stage, viz.: get up and go out of the theater during that part of the program. Will you do it? If so, please send us your name.

READ JACK LONDON'S "MICHAEL BROTHER OF JERRY"

The book is published by the Macmillan Co. at \$1.50. We will send the "Foreword" free to any asking for it. A COPY OF THE BOOK FREE AS A PRIZE FOR THREE ONE-DOLLAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO *Our Dumb Animals*, ALSO FOR ONE HUNDRED NEW NAMES TO THE CLUB. Twenty copies of the book have already been given as prizes; several of these to schools.

Replies from Letter to Theater Managers

It will be remembered that in the last issue of this magazine we published a letter we are sending out widely over the State and into other States appealing to theater managers to discontinue these acts of performing animals. In writing these managers we have enclosed an addressed and stamped envelope for a reply.

Some of the replies are most encouraging, as will be seen from what follows:—

Gayety Theater
Boston, Mass., Mar. 20, 1919.

Dr. Francis H. Rowley,
180 Longwood Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The management of this theater heartily agrees with your views re animal acts and I am glad to say that none have appeared here for sometime and I hope none will appear in the future.

Personally I think Jack London was right.

I think that most people are opposed to animal acts and have no doubt but that the work you are carrying on will do good.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,
(Signed) THOS. R. HENRY

A. A. Spitz's Empire Theater
Fall River, Mass.
Mar. 28th.

Dr. Francis Rowley:—
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

I am not a sentimentalist but I do not think there is any man living cares more for animals than I do and especially dogs and horses. During my career as manager of different theaters I have been required to play some animal acts and on more than one occasion have I made things very unpleasant for the trainers, etc., etc.

I will write my booking agent today and tell him I do not care to play any more of these acts. I have only played two of these acts in

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ALICE JEAN CLEATOR

FORWARD today, Jack London Club,
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Forward with strong, unflinching zeal
Until that task is done.

Forward with Mercy's earnest word,
Until from State to State
Awakened sentiment is stirred
Swiftly to legislate.

Forward today, Jack London Club,
Fly, names of millions strong—
A glorious, mighty power to cry,
"Stop, stop this frightful wrong."

Reach o'er the seas to every land,
The world's attention draw,
Till managers and trainers stand
Accused before the law.

Then whips and ropes and iron bars
Shall fall. That day shall come
When you we'll thank, Jack London Club,
For freedom for the dumb.

ten months although I have a man in here next week who has one dog. I will do my utmost to coöperate with you in this not only on the stage but on the street. I have had more than one unpleasant occasion with cruel drivers on wagons and I never hesitate to vent my feelings and on many occasions have I notified the authorities and I never hesitate to cease to do business with such people.

I assure you you have my hearty coöperation in this and I will do everything I can to help the cause along.

It is a pleasure to think that there is somebody that will take the time for a cause like this.

Sincerely hoping that the society of which you are the President will have a long life and lots of success in the undertaking, I beg to remain

Yours truly,
(Signed) W. S. CANNING

Plaza Theater
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date in reference to Animal Acts, would say that I have forwarded your letter to the agent in New York who books the acts for this theater and will endeavor as far as I am able to eliminate acts of this kind from our program in the future.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) BERT D. HOWARD

A Springfield Manager

One of the men to whom we wrote evidently never read the letter, for this is what he said in reply. "The writer is a member of the Animal Rescue League of Springfield and therefore begs to be excused from contributing to your fund." There wasn't the slightest intimation in our letter to him that we wanted a contribution.

Sensitive to Public Opinion

The president of the Maine State Humane Education Society received the following letter
(Continued on page 11)

Fifth and Greatest Be Kind to Animals Week

Dates of April 21-27, 1919, Will Be Remembered for Many Notable Celebrations
National Poster Contest a Leading Feature

YES, it was Victory Loan Week. It was also in Boston the week of the greatest parade ever seen there, that of the Twenty-Sixth Division of returned heroes from the Great War. These events could not be foreseen when the dates for Be Kind to Animals Week were set months ago for the entire nation. But with the statement flashed from hundreds of lantern slides, shown in moving-picture houses throughout the country, "OVER A MILLION HORSES AND DOGS HAVE SUFFERED AND DIED IN THIS WAR," in connection with the announcement of the dates of Be Kind to Animals Week and Humane Sunday, there seemed to be no inconsistency in making a special campaign for kindness to animals while urging support of the Government in the Victory Loan and, in Massachusetts, making holiday in honor of our war heroes.

Ushered in by Proclamations from two of the Governors of New England States, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and by appeals on the part of prominent Mayors, such as Mayor Holmes of Worcester, Mass., and by editorials and general announcements in many of the leading newspapers of the United States, Be Kind to Animals Week in 1919 was successful even beyond the high records of the previous four annual celebrations. Because it came later in the month than usual, the following account of some of its activities is necessarily far from complete; many reports, especially from distant points, had not reached our office at the time of going to press.

What the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. Did

The cover picture on this issue shows one thing—a truck of the Society which with our own splendid bay horses, and the large signs and numerous decorations as shown, was driven through the streets of Boston during the week, attracting favorable attention wherever seen. The Society's window card, with picture of three fine horses' heads and the words, "This Is Be Kind to Animals Week," was placed in about 500 store windows and in the open market stalls in the down-town section of Boston. Many of the leading general advertisers of the city complied with the request to carry the line, "This Is Be Kind to Animals



POSTER (IN COLORS) BY ROLAND M. NEWHALL, MASSACHUSETTS NORMAL ART SCHOOL

Not eligible for prize, so given honorable mention

Week," in their newspaper announcements, thus bringing the motto before thousands of readers who had probably never seen it before.

The special lantern slide, designed and circulated by the Society, represented a beautiful collie listening to the words "Be Kind to Animals" set in a horn as seen in the familiar "His Master's Voice." Over the picture were the words, "Be Kind to Animals Week, April 21-27," and below it the sentence, "Over a million horses and dogs have suffered and died in this war.—Mass. Soc. Prevention Cruelty to Animals." These slides were furnished free to all moving-picture houses in the State accepting them, and a similar slide, without the name of the Society, was offered at cost to Societies and individuals outside of Massachusetts. More than 300 of these slides were exhibited in moving-picture houses throughout the week.

Over 300 Posters in School Contest

To interest school pupils in the movement, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. offered two sets of prizes for the best humane posters, open to all schools in the State. Over 300 posters were received from many schools in a score or more of different towns and cities, and when the judges viewed them they asked to have more prizes awarded than were offered, and this the Society gladly did. About half of the posters were selected for public exhibition, and during the entire week and the following Monday they were attractively displayed in large show cases at the store of Wm. Filene's Sons, Boston. About one-third of them came from high schools. The judges were Mr. Huger Elliott, supervisor of educational work, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Mr. Theodore M. Dillaway, director of manual arts, Boston Public schools; and Mr. C. K. Bolton, librarian, Boston Athenaeum. Prizes were awarded as follows: High school class—first, ten dollars cash, Alice Cherrier, junior class, Plymouth High; second, five dollars cash, Dorothy Burditt, junior class, Malden High; third, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, Guy Accolla, Junior High, Plymouth; fourth, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, John Henry Gonsalves, junior class, Woburn High. Grammar grades 7, 8 and 9—first, ten dollars cash, Dorothy Wait, Grade 9, Pleasant Street, Greenfield; second, five dollars cash, Dorothy Vibert, Grade 8, Maplewood, Gloucester; third, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, P. Evangeline Gunn, Grade 9, Collins, Gloucester; fourth, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, Merrill Partenheimer, Grade 9, Pleasant Street, Greenfield. Grades 5 and 6—first, ten dollars cash, Dorothy Allen, Grade 6, Plympton, Woburn; second, five dollars cash, John Koran, Grade 6, Monson, Mass.; third, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, Anna Cogan, Grade 6, Goodyear, Woburn; fourth, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, Ruth Grammer, Grade 6, Rumford, North Woburn. The prize-winning posters and several of the other better ones in each class were sent to Albany, N. Y., to compete in the national contest of the American Humane Association. Many of the posters were in colors



POSTER (IN COLORS) BY MADELINE M. MISKINIO GRADE 8, DAVIS STREET SCHOOL GREENFIELD, MASS.



FIRST PRIZE, \$10, IN UPPER GRAMMAR GRADES, IN CONTEST OF MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. (IN COLORS) BY DOROTHY WAIT GRADE 9, PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL, GREENFIELD, MASS.



THIRD PRIZE, ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO "OUR DUMB ANIMALS," IN GRADES 5 AND 6. (IN COLORS) BY ANNA COGAN GOODYEAR SCHOOL, WOBURN

which make it difficult to reproduce them in black and white. Those shown in these pages were selected not alone for their merits but for the fact that they could be readily reproduced.

Edition of 10,000 School Pamphlets

For the general school exercises, held in all grammar grades throughout the State on Humane Day, April 22, the Society sent out 10,000 copies of an eight-page pamphlet, prepared by Mr. W. M. Morrill, which was used as a basis for a program. Superintendents and school principals generally cooperated to make this year's special exercises of interest to the pupils and of value in regular school work. In Boston stereopticon addresses on "Animals and Birds in Peace and in War" were delivered by Secretary Guy Richardson at the Hyde Park High school, Boston Trade school (for boys), High School of Commerce, Girls' Trade school, and at the evening school centers at the High School of Practical Arts and the East Boston High school.

At the Animal Hospital

The Angell Memorial Animal Hospital at 180 Longwood Avenue kept "open house" during the week, and the animal patients, numbering about one hundred, were the recipients of sympathetic words and interesting comments from several hundred visitors who availed themselves of the public invitation to inspect the institution and its work. The offices of the American Humane Education Society and the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. were kept unusually busy for several weeks in sending out literature and supplies of all kinds all over the country and Canada, in response to requests and orders in connection with the celebration of Be Kind to Animals Week. Many suggestive essays and selections from sermons, etc., were called for by ministers for use on Humane Sunday, especially the three-minute address on "The Value of a Sparrow," which had been especially written for use in this way. Copies of other three-minute addresses for use in schools and

elsewhere were also in demand. Among the Sunday-schools in Boston which observed Humane Sunday was that of St. John's Episcopal church, Jamaica Plain, which was addressed by the Secretary of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A.

In Other Massachusetts Cities

The Worcester Branch of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. directed the usual successful observance of the Week and Humane Sunday in that city. Mrs. Charles Francis Darling, president, organized a committee of influential women who carried out a varied program, including the placing of lantern slides in every picture house, the interviewing of many ministers for cooperation on Humane Sunday, the conducting of an "open house" all week at the Society's headquarters in the Day building, where appropriate literature was distributed to many visitors, and the securing of prominent men and women to speak in the schools on kindness to animals. A practical feature of the week's work was a call upon owners of horses to make special investigations to be sure their employees were treating their horses properly. The *Telegram*, *Post*, and *Gazette* of Worcester gave much space in their columns to aid the efforts of the S. P. C. A. officials.

In Springfield window cards were freely displayed, theaters generally announced the dates of the Week, and led by D. A. Atkins, local officer of the S. P. C. A., the Boy Scouts rendered valuable assistance. The Society's program was carried out in all the public schools.

The Waltham Animal Aid Society conducted a big window display throughout the week, and held a rummage sale for the benefit of the organization. There was also a notable window display in Beverly.

The Greenfield Society for the Protection of Animals distributed window cards and literature, and the public schools of that town displayed the "Be Kind to Animals" card in every school-room and carried out the usual program on Humane Day.

The Brockton Humane Society awarded prizes to pupils of the upper grammar grades for stories written especially for Be Kind to Animals Week, and on Saturday held a tag day for the Society's benefit. A booth for the distribution of literature was maintained in the largest store in the city.

The S. P. C. A. lantern slide was shown in the moving-picture houses of Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton, Pittsfield, North Adams, Lawrence, and many other smaller cities and towns. Humane sermons and addresses were given in many churches throughout the State, Rev. E. H. Thrasher of Riverside M. E. church, Gloucester, using lantern slides from the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. at his evening service.

General Activities in Maine

The Maine State Humane Education Society of Portland received the cooperation of theaters in displaying special lantern slides, and of ministers in speaking on subjects appropriate to Humane Sunday. Many attractive posters were received in the local school contest, some coming from the Portland School of Fine Arts. The Society distributed special Band of Mercy buttons, made up with the initials of the State organization, and carried out numerous other activities under the direction of its president, Mrs. S. A. Stevens.

Connecticut Humane Society a Leader

The Connecticut Humane Society, under the management of H. Clay Preston, set a pace this year far ahead of any previous observance



POSTER (IN COLORS) BY CORENA RUEL GRADE 6, FISKDALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, STURBRIDGE, MASS.

of the anniversary by securing a proclamation from Governor Holcomb, which is printed in full elsewhere, and also securing a letter from Bishop Brewster, copies of which were read in all the Episcopal Sunday-schools of the diocese on Humane Sunday. Lantern slides were used in thirty theaters in Hartford and vicinity, and window cards similar to those of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. were printed for general distribution throughout the city. Plans for the week were carried out by Mrs. Wm. B. Williams, Jr., of the Society, which included recognition of Humane Sunday in Sunday-schools, and special visitations to day schools by the Band of Mercy organizer. In Danbury Mrs. Charles W. Bill succeeded in inducing many of the ministers to preach on humane topics and otherwise stirred up public sentiment in behalf of animal protection. A leading editorial on "Kindness to Animals" appeared in the *Sentinel*, Norwalk.

Many Celebrations in New York State

The Erie County S. P. C. A. of Buffalo used lantern slides in all the principal moving-picture houses of the city. One of the best editorials that has appeared in any newspaper was that in the *Buffalo Evening Times*, which said: "The Erie County S. P. C. A. has been doing some admirable work during the past year, especially in not destroying animals and birds for whom good homes could be found. Furthermore, many creatures have been protected from harsh, cruel, or neglectful treatment. The Society exerts a far greater influence than its special work imports; for it diffuses a right spirit of uplifting thought, which is as great a blessing to human beings brought in contact with it, as the merciful kindness extended to animals benefits them. Let us all, therefore, help to make the Be Kind to Animals Week a success. Special services will be held in many of the churches on the Sunday of that week, and instructive sermons will be preached from the various and inspiring angles of this beautiful and ennobling theme."

In Rochester, the Humane Society conducted what was probably the largest poster contest in the country, over 35,000 entries having been received, of which 2,000 were put on public exhibition. They came from all grades from kindergarten to high school, and were shown at the City Normal school.

The Stevens-Swan Humane Society in Utica made a special campaign of interesting ministers to speak on humane topics Sunday. F. E. Payne, superintendent of the Society, made addresses in Utica and adjoining towns. In Watertown the Jefferson County S. P. C. A. persuaded the teachers in the schools to give special talks to their children during the week.

The Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society conducted a poster contest in both Albany and Troy, much rivalry for honors springing up between the two cities. In Albany the Society also conducted a bird-house contest for manual training pupils.

Valuable press publicity was given during the campaign by the *Eagle*, Poughkeepsie; and especially by the *Eagle*, Brooklyn.

At the Nation's Capital

The Washington Humane Society and the National Society for the Humane Regulation of Vivisection united in a mass meeting, held at Trinity Parish hall, Third and C streets, N.W., on Monday evening, when addresses in behalf of animal protection were given by Franklin D. Roosevelt, acting secretary of the Navy, and the Rt. Rev. John Richardson, Lord Bishop of New Brunswick, of Fredericton. There was also a prize essay contest for school pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, awards amounting to \$50 having been offered by Mrs. E. B. Phillips of Alexandria County, Va.

Big Mass Meeting in Maryland

The Animal Refuge Association, the Maryland S. P. C. A. and the Anti-Vivisection Society, Baltimore, held a union mass meeting at the Garden Theater in that city on Humane Sunday.

Proclamation by Mayor of Norfolk

Among the proclamations issued for Be Kind to Animals Week this year was the following, by Mayor Roper of Norfolk, Virginia:—

A PROCLAMATION

The week beginning April 21st, and ending April 26th, will be observed throughout the nation as "Be Kind to Animals Week." Sunday, April the 27th, will be known as Humane Sunday. There are many and compelling reasons why there should be a nation-wide

observance of this week. In the first place the appeal is one all men can understand; for most of us, at one time or another, have loved a dog. In the second place, a just appreciation of the service rendered in the world war by horses and dogs should alone suffice to call forth from us some tangible expressions of gratitude and make the week deserving of our greatest consideration.

I therefore call upon those who are interested in this national crusade of help for the helpless to do their utmost to promote a suitable observance of Humane Sunday and Be Kind to Animals Week not only in the pulpit but in the schools and among the young. Much can be done to make the lessons of this week salutary and conducive to good citizenship.

ALBERT L. ROPER,

Mayor of Norfolk.

The celebration in Norfolk was in charge of the S. P. C. A., its leading feature being a poster contest in which all of the schools in the city participated for local prizes aggregating \$35.

At Southern Pines, N. C.

The week opened with the annual meeting of the Southern Pines S. P. C. A. which arranged for a celebration including the exhibit of lantern slides, a three-minute talk on the significance of the observance given Tuesday, and special chapel exercises in all the schools on Humane Day, followed by an address by Mr. C. P. Heyward. Mrs. Percy Chambers of Williamstown, Mass., a director in the local organization, was largely responsible for the success of the celebration.

Many Letters in Florida

Through the energetic efforts of Miss Grace A. Townsend, letters were sent out to many of the newspapers, schools, ministers, and other influential people in Florida with appropriate literature, telling of the need of humane education and calling attention to special means of celebrating the Week and Humane Sunday. In Tampa posters were distributed, advertisers asked to use the phrase "Be Kind to Animals," and the same words were placed on the blackboards in school-rooms.

Automobiles Used in Minneapolis

A thousand automobile windshield stickers and 3000 tags for teams were employed by the Animal Rescue League of Minneapolis in advertising Be Kind to Animals Week. Posters by children were exhibited in the stores, and several lectures given on the treatment of animals.

Essay Contest in Dubuque Schools

Three sets of four prizes each were offered by the Humane Society of Dubuque, Iowa, for the best essays in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the public schools on the subject, "How We Should Care for Our Animals and Birds."

Cartoons in "Omaha Bee"

In Omaha, Nebraska, the general celebration was in charge of the Humane Society under direction of W. W. Bradley, superintendent. On Monday prizes offered by the Society for the best essays and posters were distributed in the various schools; on Wednesday Mr. Bradley addressed the Benson Woman's Club; on Sunday, Boy Scouts delivered three-minute addresses in many of the churches. Throughout the week three-minute talks were given by Boy Scouts in the schools, and there was a public display of 150 posters made by school children. Banners reading "Buy Victory Notes and Be Kind to Animals" were attached to horses on the city streets. One of the features was the fine publicity given by the *Omaha Bee*, which as in former years presented several effective cartoons.

Exhibition of Pets in Oregon

Mayor Baker of Portland, Oregon, issued a proclamation, designating April 21-26 as Be Kind to Animals Week and April 27 as Humane Sunday, in which he said: "Animals mean much to the person who is thinking right. For the person who is not, the humane laws have been devised. They need the moral support of the public, and therefore the annual week and annual Sunday are set aside as reminders."

Under the auspices of the Oregon Humane Society a very successful exhibition of children's pets was held in the children's department of the Portland public library, on Friday, when 3000 school children, accompanied by about 2000 older persons, were interested visitors to the unique collection of some fifty animal and bird pets of all kinds. Mrs. F. W. Swanton, secretary of the Society, told animal stories to groups of children during the day. About 4000 copies of humane pamphlets were distributed free.

The Press Helped Everywhere

In many States where there were no particular celebrations that we have been able to learn of, newspapers and magazines gave publicity to the object of the Week.



POSTER BY LUCELIA KELTON, HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, MASS.



POSTER (IN COLORS) BY NELLIE CANAVAN, HIGH SCHOOL
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FOR TERMS see last page.

AGENTS to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts of over 800 words in length, and prefer verse not in excess of thirty-six lines, preferably shorter. Full return postage should be enclosed with each manuscript submitted.

LICENSING THE CAT

FRIENDS of both birds and cats will be interested to see how the cat licensing bill now before the Connecticut Legislature comes out. According to the *Hartford Times* the Audubon Society, the American Bird Propagation and Protection Society, the Hartford Bird Study Club, the Woman's Animal Rescue League and the Trap Shooters Association were all backing the bill. Apparently it was opposed only by the Connecticut Humane Society. One champion of the measure said it was estimated that cats in Connecticut destroyed 1,000,000 birds, and that the financial loss to the State was not less than \$1,000,000. When it comes to "estimating" in figures like these it would be quite as accurate to call it guessing.

While the predatory, bird-hunting, nest-destroying cat is a menace, still it must not be forgotten that so able an ornithologist as Edward H. Forbush has written: "Under nature the checks on the increase of birds are essential, else they would increase in numbers until their food supply had become exhausted, when they would starve, and other consequences even more grave and much more complex would follow."

Note: Since the above was written the Connecticut Legislature has definitely killed the bill to license cats.

PIGEON TO RECEIVE THE D. S. C.

AT least one of the one thousand pigeons that have returned from France after helping win the war will be decorated for distinguished service. "Cher Ami," the pigeon that carried the message to Gen. Pershing's headquarters, announcing the victory of the Yankees in the Argonne, will be given such honor. Cher Ami is the feathered hero that flew thirty-seven miles after its left leg had been torn away by an enemy bullet, and delivered intact the despatch with which it had been entrusted.

Cher Ami was also one of the pigeons that carried despatches announcing the plight of Lieut.-Col. Whittlesey and his lost battalion, to which aid was immediately sent.

For these heroic deeds Cher Ami has been recommended by Gen. Pershing for the D. S. C. The pigeon will from now on have the best of quarters in Washington, a plentiful ration, and all proper care.

THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY is endeavoring to send humane literature and education into all the schools of the country, and thus not only insure the protection of animals, but also the prevention of crime, unnecessary wars, and forms of violence.

DR. ROWLEY WRITES OF HIS TRIP

THE last letter from President Rowley, received in the office of *Our Dumb Animals* up to the time of going to press, is as follows:—
San Francisco, California,

April 23, 1919

My dear Mr. Richardson:—

I am sorry I can send only this brief letter for the next issue of the magazine. In the one following I hope to have a somewhat detailed account of what has been in many ways a most unusual sort of trip. The opportunities for presenting the cause of humane education have been abundant—too abundant in fact, for, though I have spoken almost every day since I arrived in California, often twice a day, occasionally three times, I have not been able to accept all the invitations for addresses that have been received. It has been much like a "one night stand" affair; here today, then hurrying away by the first train to reach another city for an appointment the following day.

There have been, however, pleasant breaks of a few hours when some good friend has driven me about in his automobile to show me the attractions of city or country. Such was the visit to Riverside over Easter Sunday, where I was graciously invited by Mr. Miller, master of the celebrated Mission Inn, to be his guest. Mr. Miller is deeply interested in humane work. Indeed, from all I hear, he is the friend of every cause that seeks the welfare of man or beast. Even at Riverside the day was not wholly an idle one, for I spoke in the evening at the Sherman School—a government institution—to 650 Indian young men and women.

I have just returned today from the southern part of the State and leave day after tomorrow for Tacoma, Seattle, Yakima, Bellingham and other places in Washington the names of which I do not know as yet. Next Sunday evening I have a fine opportunity to speak in behalf of the wider humanity in Tacoma at the Civic Forum. The speaker for that occasion having notified them that he could not come, I gladly accepted the invitation to take his place.

Good fortune, through a generous friend, made it possible to take the trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles by automobile; one of the most charming rides I think in this or any other country. The journey was planned, however, so as to stop at places on the way where it had been arranged for me to speak.

The many things I want to say to our readers of the work in California, of the great kindness shown me as the representative of our two Societies, of the service rendered by the San Francisco S. P. C. A. through Mr. McCurrie, the efficient secretary, and by the State Humane Association through Mrs. Anita Baldwin and Mrs. Nayan Hyde,—these things I must leave till later.

I am glad things were promising so well for Be Kind to Animals Week when you last wrote. With best wishes for yourself and all at the offices,

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY

THE entire system (the slaughtering of food animals) is one monstrous nightmare from which anti-vivisectionists at least should awaken. All this cruelty is the logical product of our preying system, the weaker man or animal is legitimate prey for the stronger." Correspondent in *Living Tissue*

THE FIRST HUMANE SUPPLEMENT

IT was especially fitting that from the place in which the idea of a Be Kind to Animals Week was conceived and first proclaimed there should be published the first "Humane Supplement" as a part of the regular edition of a large and discriminating Sunday newspaper. The Charleston, South Carolina, *American* signalized itself by issuing on Easter Sunday a 24-page "Humane Supplement," heralding the fifth anniversary of the Week in such manner as to give it far and wide publicity and to fix its observance securely and perennially upon the humane calendar.

The Supplement historically reviews the work of the founders and indefatigable promoters of the humane cause, Martin in England and Bergh, Angell and Gerry in this country—humanitarians who laid foundations of strength and permanence upon which others are building today. Articles from a score or more of humane officers, representing the leading societies of the United States and keeping the humane movement abreast of the times, are informative and educational.

The pictorial contents of the Supplement include many past and present prominent figures in the humane field, illustrations of man's treatment of animals that should carry conviction to the cruel, the indifferent or the untaught, reproductions of famous animal paintings, and pictures that remind one of the signal propriety of a Be Kind to Animals Week in the years to come in recognition of the services of the animals that went to war.

The Supplement is a journalistic innovation, a likely forerunner of others. It should be secured if possible by everyone humanely inclined, read and preserved. *Our Dumb Animals* extends its heartiest congratulations to the *American*, its publishers, editors, entire staff, for the service they have rendered to a movement that is doing much for the betterment of the world.

"BE KIND TO ANIMALS"

Editorial in *Boston Post*, April 21, 1919

BE Kind to Animals Week" is with us once again, after the now well established custom of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which made the observance nation-wide some five years ago. It is a fine anniversary, and one that may well be observed with special thought by everybody.

Of course the "Society" and Dr. Rowley do not mean that we should not be kind to animals on all other weeks; far from that. But the particular idea of this particular time is that during these six days one of the big, outstanding public impressions, made emphatic by pictures and speeches and literature of various kinds, shall be that with extra attention thus paid to the welfare of our dumb friends the world and all in it will be by so much the better.

If we see a chance to befriend an animal that needs a champion let us accept it. This is the right week for a little extra observation in this regard.

BAPTIST hens in Ohio did their denominational duty toward the \$6,000,000 Victory Campaign during Golden Egg Week, when they laid 26,388 eggs toward the State quota of \$425,000, according to a statement by the Rev. Charles A. McAlpine of the National Committee of Northern Baptist Laymen, which is the organization in charge of the drive.



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On witnessing an act of cruelty, take particular notice of the nature of the injuries inflicted; the condition of the animal ill-used; obtain, if possible, the name and address of the owner and driver, or person in charge of the animal, and set down the time and place where the offense was committed. Communicate these facts, giving your own name and address, to headquarters of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, or to any of the Society's authorized agents. The information will be treated as strictly confidential, and you will have done your humane duty intelligently and effectually.

MONTHLY REPORT

Cases investigated.....	653
Animals examined.....	5,021
Number of prosecutions.....	19
Number of convictions.....	16
Horses taken from work.....	112
Horses humanely destroyed.....	83
Small animals humanely destroyed....	356

Stock-yards and Abattoirs

Animals examined.....	81,017
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely destroyed.....	127

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals acknowledges bequests of \$709.78 from Mrs. Emma L. Gammell of Cleveland, Ohio, and \$25 (in part) from Emily S. Neal of Boston. It has received gifts of \$100 from C. U. C.; \$50 from P. L. H.; \$30 from Mrs. H. P. K.; \$25 each from Miss S. A. D., Mrs. A. C. B. and G. S. P. C. A.

The Society has been remembered in the will of Lucia Fockit of Wilbraham, Charles Wells Cook of Boston, Mrs. Lucy A. Botsford of West Roxbury, and Morton V. Bonney of Hanover.

The American Humane Education Society has received \$45 from Mrs. W. G. G. and \$18.55 from H. S. A.

May 13, 1919.

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Treatment for sick or injured animals

Hours from 2 to 4, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Saturday from 11 to 1.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR APRIL

Hospital	Cases	Free Dispensary	Cases
Cases entered	304	Cases	300
Dogs	214	Dogs	212
Cats	46	Cats	83
Horses	41	Horses	4
Birds	3	Bird	1
Operations	145		
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, 1915,	14,026		
Free Dispensary cases	15,679		
Total	29,705		

NEW USE FOR PAY ENVELOPE

IT is good business to insist that the working animals in your employ are treated rightly. This is the policy of the well-known concern of D. Whiting & Sons, Boston. That their drivers may be constantly reminded of this humane as well as economic principle, various expedients are tried out. Here is a sample: When employees receive their weekly wage they find upon their pay envelope such good advice as the following: "If you don't waste your breath hollerin' at your horse you'll have more left to use on prospects," and, "Partners—a friend who will return your kindness 1000 per cent." With the cleverly executed drawings illustrating different phases of the proper treatment of horses, the value of such envelopes to the recipients will readily be seen.

Upon its own application this firm was supplied with humane literature and posters which it made use of at its stables during the Be Kind to Animals Week.

HUMANE WORK IN LOWELL

THE last quarterly report of the Lowell (Mass.) Humane Society reveals much good work done by Agents Richardson and Gilmore in behalf of animals and children. Conditions involving more than 150 children, most of them victims of neglect and abuse, were improved, and relief extended to several hundreds of horses, cattle and smaller animals by these two vigilant guardians of the helpless in a large and populous territory.

THE time of conquest is past. It is not by extending the boundaries of its territory that a nation can henceforward be honored and powerful, but by placing itself at the head of generous ideas and spreading everywhere the empire of justice and right.

LOUIS NAPOLEON

Free stalls and kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital may be endowed by individuals. Seventy-five dollars a year for a horse stall, thirty-five dollars a year for a kennel.

EXECUTING YOUR OWN WILL

An Annuity Plan

Each of our two Societies will receive gifts, large or small, entering into a written obligation binding the Society safely to invest the same and to pay to the donor for life a reasonable rate of interest, or an annuity for an amount agreed upon. The rate of interest or amount of annuity will necessarily depend upon the age of the donor.

The wide financial experience and high standing of the trustees, Charles G. Bancroft, president of the International Trust Company, Charles E. Rogerson, president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and John R. Macomber, president of Harris, Forbes and Company, to whom are entrusted the care and management of our invested funds, are a guaranty of the security of such an investment. Persons of comparatively small means may by this arrangement obtain a better income for life than could be had with equal safety by the usual methods of investment, while avoiding the risks and waste of a will contest and ultimately promoting the cause of the dumb animals.

The Societies solicit correspondence upon this subject and will be glad to furnish all further details.

MAYOR HOLMES OF WORCESTER

THIS is not the first year that we have called attention in these columns to the fine attitude towards humane work of Hon. Pehr G. Holmes, mayor of Worcester, the second city in Massachusetts. During the recent Be Kind to Animals Week Mayor Holmes issued this splendid appeal:

"I am very glad to indorse the kindness to animals week which is being observed in Worcester. It is to be earnestly hoped that this week's work will be productive of far reaching results. The educational work being carried on by the S. P. C. A. is commendable in the highest degree and certainly should result in substantial furtherance of the campaign of kindness to animals.

"This is a good time to consider dumb animals and their value to man in view of what the horse, mules and dogs have done in the recent war. The horse again proved his value in battle, even in these days of motorization, and the value of the army mule is too well known to require comment. Dogs have played their part, their noble part. What they have done speaks for itself.

"The love that our men in service have shown for animals is a lesson and a sermon on kindness to animals. I have visited a number of army camps and the kindness which service men shower on their mascots is wonderful. Whether the mascot has been a dog, monkey or coon, which I found as a mascot of one company, the men have all, without exception, been very kind to the pets and woe to the man who was not. Let people consider this lesson in kindness to animals from defenders of the country."

HUMANE SUNDAY

Editorial in *Charleston (S.C.) American*, April 27, 1919

THIS is Humane Sunday. This day has been declared by executive proclamation to be a day dedicated to humanitarian and anti-cruelty work. It behooves every person to do something in observance of the day. By some special act of kindness to the children or dumb animals can be earned a rich reward out of the consciousness of having done something worth while.



American Humane Education Society

Founded by Geo. T. Angell.

Incorporated, 1889.

For rates of membership in both of our Societies see last page. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer.

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PROCLAIMED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

IT was a fine example for the South when Governor Cooper of South Carolina issued a proclamation in which he said, in part:—

"Now therefore, I, Robert A. Cooper, governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and set apart the period commencing April 21, 1919, and ending with April 27, 1919, as "Be Kind to Animals Week" in South Carolina. Sunday, April 27, 1919, is set apart as Humane Sunday. During this period the citizens of South Carolina are urged to direct their special attention to the proper, intelligent and kindly care of animals; and during said period, and at all times, they are urged to see to it that violators of the laws relating to cruelty to animals are punished as provided by the statutes of South Carolina."

EFFECTS OF DR. ROWLEY'S VISIT

THE SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

San Francisco, April 11, 1919.

My dear Mr. Richardson:—

We have been getting into closer touch with your Society, having had the pleasure of your President, Dr. Rowley, in our midst. All our members in San Francisco who were so fortunate as to be present enjoyed the privilege of hearing him speak last night. We had a fine large audience in the Ball Room of the Palace Hotel. I wish more of our members and their friends could have heard the address.

Dr. Rowley addressed in the afternoon several hundred State Normal pupils, which will result in the future in great good for humane education, as these pupils will go out as teachers next year and they cannot fail to have been impressed by Dr. Rowley's message.

I was especially pleased to have Mr. Geo. E. Gallagher, president of our Board of Education, meet and hear Dr. Rowley at the meeting in the evening. We have always had the fullest coöperation of our Board of Education in humane education in our public schools and I know Mr. Gallagher was impressed by Dr. Rowley's presentation of what humane education really is.

The humane movement in California has received a new impetus through Dr. Rowley's visit and I believe this will make him feel repaid for making such a long journey. With best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,
MATTHEW MCCURRIE
Secretary

ANOTHER GOLDEN JUBILEE

WE congratulate the Women's Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which was fifty years old last April. The Society is planning for special activities throughout the coming year in celebration of the golden jubilee.

On April 15, 1869, a meeting, called by Mrs. Caroline Earle White, was held at the home of F. Morris Waln, and the Society which has since done such splendid work, was organized. Mr. Waln offered \$5000 to start the work if Mrs. White could secure from the city of Philadelphia the right to catch stray dogs and dispose of them humanely. This right was granted, and ever since that time the Women's S. P. C. A. has had the contract for dog catching.

Three members of the society who were present at the original meeting still survive.

A committee placed a wreath on the grave of Mrs. White, who died two years ago.

A dispensary for horses is maintained by the Society at 315 S. Chadwick Street, and a small home for animals at 86 Eastwick Avenue. Mrs. Charlton Richie, 414 N. 34th St., is treasurer.

ESSAY CONTEST IN SOUTH BEND, IND.

THE Humane Society of South Bend, Indiana, has announced a prize essay contest, open to all the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades in schools of the city, three cash prizes being offered in each grade. The contest was open till May 10, and prizes are to be awarded at public exercises held later in the month or in June. Societies or individuals interested in prize essay contests of this kind should write to H. A. Pershing, secretary, South Bend Humane Society, for valuable literature on the subject.

NEW ERA IN INDIANAPOLIS

WE are glad to announce the consolidation of the two humane organizations formerly existing in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Indianapolis Humane Society and the Citizens' Humane Society of that city, into one strong central body to be known hereafter by the former name. Mr. M. H. Roberts, who was the head of the Citizens' Society, becomes president of the consolidated organization which has the united support of both the old factions. In commenting on this change, the *News of Indianapolis* says:

"The union of the two humane societies was a sensible procedure that ought to have been brought about long ago. The consolidations, so far as effected, have come about as a result of the municipal survey, and the advice and counsel of the expert who was brought to Indianapolis. The problem is to preserve the individual interest in good works and yet to avoid duplication and loss of effort. This is now possible in the new humane society. The ideals and purposes of the two old organizations will no doubt animate the new.

"The society seeks to prevent cruelty to animals and children, and to educate the public to a more kindly attitude toward the helpless. It is a laudable object, deserving of public support and encouragement, not only financially, but in active work."

LOVE FOR ANIMALS

FROM a leading editorial with the above caption, in the *Times*, of Beverly, Mass., we quote this paragraph:—

It is an excellent training for a boy to have charge of a pen of rabbits, a dog, or other pets, and be made responsible for their care and comfort. If he can learn to fulfill that obligation, he has taken one step toward assuming the responsibilities of manhood. The boy who has learned humanity toward animals, will be more thoughtful of the needs of human beings and better fitted to have control over them.

DON'T MISS IT

THE *Charleston American* published a 24-page humane supplement on Easter Sunday, April 20. This is the first time a large daily has ever given so much space to the anti-cruelty movement. The paper is full size, with seven columns to the page. It is generously illustrated with half-tones of great interest to humanitarians.

Every anti-cruelty worker in the United States should order a copy of this edition as a recognition of the splendid service of the *American* and the editor of the supplement, Mr. H. F. Lewith. It will serve as a suggestion and inducement for others to continue this effective method of publicity. Anti-cruelty societies should not fail to obtain copies either for distribution or preservation.

Single copies will be sent anywhere in the United States for 10 cents by addressing Mr. H. F. Lewith, Box 595, Charleston, S. C.

WON THE CROWN

AN English schoolmaster promised a crown to any boy who should propound a riddle that he could not answer. After many had tried, a bright youngster said: "Why am I like the Prince of Wales?" The schoolmaster puzzled his wits in vain, and finally was compelled to admit that he did not know.

"Why," said the boy, "it's because I am waiting for the crown."

—Boston Transcript

THE JACK LONDON CLUB

(Continued from page 4)

in answer to a criticism made upon a motion picture exhibited in Portland, Maine:—

Dear Madam:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 27th.

I desire to inform you that the director who was responsible for this picture is no longer connected with our organization.

We are glad indeed to note from the last paragraph of your letter that you have witnessed other of our productions in which animal "bits" were featured. You therefore must be familiar with our general and strict policy regarding the treatment of such scenes.

We very much regret the incident in this Sunshine Comedy and we are taking steps to see that it does not happen again.

Thanking you for calling this to our attention,

Yours very truly,

Asst. General Manager

Wolson's Trained Dogs

In the light of the experience related below, from a letter dated April 29, 1919, we urge all humane societies and all members of the Jack London Club to be on the look-out for the animal act known as Wolson's Trained Dogs, and see that a humane officer is notified wherever this performance may be announced:—

"Miss Martha Miles, whose residence is 2268 Maine Street, Stratford, Conn., visited in San Antonio, Texas. About a month ago she witnessed a cruel and disgusting trained dog performance at a theater. The act was known as 'Wolson's Trained Dogs,' but one monkey was added to this outfit. The dogs are all of the fox terrier type. Not one person in the audience openly protested when the exhibitor cruelly whipped or lashed the dogs who did not obey him instantly. He attempted to whip the monkey, who grabbed the whip and held on to it until finally Wolson got it in his possession and lashed the monkey in public view.

"Many in the audience expressed surprise and indignation because of this act — and some roared with laughter."

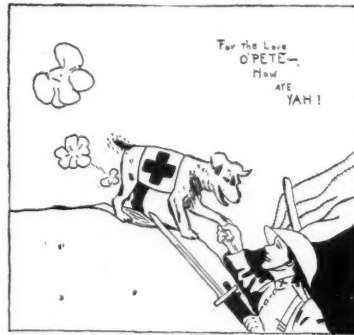
The Monkey-Man in Tampa

Extract from a letter from Mrs. Jennie Weller, president of the Hillsborough County Humane Society, Tampa, Florida:

"I am pleased to tell you that I sent a communication to our city council, pointing out the cruelties of the 'monkey-man,' and the fact that he was a 'vagrant' and that the poor monkey did all the work, and asked that they prohibit the practice in Tampa by refusing to license them any more. Well, it passed the first night, and we have not had a single monkey with a man at the end of the chain, in four years. I used frequently to have them taken to police headquarters for a 'rest' of two hours, and finally prosecuted one fellow, with a fine of \$25. The monkey-man didn't like me or my town anyway."

THE letter which President Rowley sent to the leading theater managers in behalf of the members of the Jack London Club was published by the *Dramatic Mirror* of New York city under the following caption:

Nation-Wide Campaign to Abolish Trained Animal Acts Is Set in Motion by Organization 30,000 Strong — Inspired by Jack London



BE KIND TO DUMB ANIMALS

POSTER BY DORIS E. HAPGOOD, TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

HIS DOG

I SURELY sniff excitement in the air —

Perhaps he's coming home! if I could know!

But up and down the street, and everywhere

I've watched about a hundred years or so;

Yet somehow I expect him, any day

With shouts and cheers, as when he marched away.

And when I hear that whistle! and you see

A streak of dog, in frenzied happiness —

You'll understand! he'll pat my head and say:

"Hello, old Pal! you missed me some, I guess!"

I leap to kiss his hand — and then — oh boy —

I wonder if a dog can die of joy?

LAURA SIMMONS in *Life*

THE SOLDIERS' DOG FUND

MRS. F. H. SUCKLING, Romsey, England

A BENEFICENT organization belonging to the season of 1918-19 is the Royal S. P. C. A. Soldiers' Dog Fund. During the war many homeless dogs found their way from ruined homes and depopulated villages into the British lines, and were adopted by the soldiers, sharing with them the dangers and hardships of warfare. Naturally, therefore, these men desired to bring home their pets, but by a recent government order (owing to rabies), all dogs imported must be quarantined for six months. It comes hard upon the men, and few soldiers will be able to pay the quarantine fees for food and lodging. The difficulty has, however, speedily been overcome by the offer of the Royal S. P. C. A. to be responsible for the quarantine expenses, and at once arrangements were made to erect some 500 kennels on the grounds of the Dogs' Home at Hackbridge in Surrey. The soldiers' dogs are being repatriated by the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and sent to Hackbridge, where the Royal S. P. C. A. is paying ten shillings a head for each animal.

"It is a pathetic little colony of dogs in solitary confinement," wrote a newspaper man, who visited the spot early in March, "but it is better than being left behind, and the soldiers are very grateful to the grand old Society for its timely help. Every time that some one passes the dogs leap against their prison bars, hoping that it may be their own master, and one soldier who arrived wearing the Mons ribbon was greeted by a perfect furore, for each dog knew and loved the sight of khaki."

DOGS IN THE WORLD WAR

UNNUMBERED dogs have now given proof of their loyalty to man in time of war as well as peace. A few have been cited and decorated for service on the battlefields that was nothing short of heroic. There is the record of Fend l'Air, a setter, who went into the trenches with a French Zouave and when an exploding shell had buried his soldier-master under a great mass of earth and stones, dug frantically until he had gained light and air for his beloved hero. And there is Verdun Belle, another trench-broken setter, who adopted a young Marine; followed him into the thick of the fray at Château-Thierry; lost him as well as her own puppies and yet was awaiting at a field hospital the ambulance that brought her shell-shocked comrade, to welcome, encourage and sustain him.

Loulou was another dog of heroic mould, only a mongrel, homeless and starving, when found, but intelligent, courageous and with a heart of gold. Scouting a surprise attack by the enemy, he was given the place of honor at the head of the advance. What happened thereafter is related as follows by G. C. Harvey in "Famous Four-footed Friends":—

"On account of Loulou's alertness, the attack was a failure, and Loulou, now barking at the top of his voice, chased the retreating troops with glee. Unfortunately he caught up with one of the enemy officers and set his teeth in the fleeing one's leg, whereupon the officer shot him.

"The heartbroken French soldiers carried the dog's body back to their trench, and there dug a grave for Loulou as if he had been one of them. Then the quartermaster, with a voice full of emotion, said, 'Good-by, dear little comrade. You were only a plain soldier in the dog's regiment, but we have all taken an oath that your name shall live as long as that of our distinguished regiment. We shall never forget you, faithful and tender little friend, who has gone to the Great Unknown without waiting for us. Deeply, we shall miss your gambols and joyous barking that brought sunshine to our darkest days. Good-by, Loulou; we salute you!'

"This was the end of the simple ceremony, but a vow was made, by the company, and was agreed to by the colonel, that at each roll call, thereafter, the dog's name should be called after the men's. And, since that time, when the sergeant-major shouts the name, 'Loulou,' in his powerful voice, one of the soldiers, as a proof that Loulou's heroism has not been forgotten, answers simply, 'Died like a soldier!'

NO matter what the argument animal trainers may put forth, it is elemental that wild animals do not like to be caged for their entire lives. It is equally obvious that elephants do not relish being chained by the legs, as they are day and night in exhibitions. They weren't born to do that, and it isn't their natural state. Humans do not yearn to be caged and chained, and much less do beasts of the fields. Furthermore, it is a fact known to all showmen that ferocious animals are beaten cruelly, frightened by pistol shots, and burned with irons before they become submissive enough for exhibition purposes. As for dogs — no matter how kindly may those at the Hippodrome be treated — this writer asserts of his own personal knowledge that many trainers — more especially the foreign ones — are unbelievably cruel to them, not only in the course of training, but in the event of shortcomings in exhibitions.

— *The Morning Telegram*, N. Y.



FOURTH PRIZE, ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO "OUR DUMB ANIMALS," IN UPPER GRAMMAR GRADES. BY MERRILL PARTENHEIMER, GRADE 9, PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL, GREENFIELD, MASS.

BEING UNFAIR TO ANIMALS

Is Not Just to Call a Cruel Man "Brutal"

A CRUEL person is one who exults in the pain, mental or bodily, suffered by another. Cruelty has its basis in anger (and thus is related to the combative instinct), though there is a cold-blooded form of cruelty which may be enjoyed without any obtrusive feeling of anger.

Cruelty, implying as it does self-consciousness—the ability to realize the feelings of others—is essentially a human attribute. Children who impale frogs and eviscerate flies cannot be said to be cruel, for they know not what they do. Nor are the lower animals cruel, seeing that they are wholly unconscious of the sufferings of others. Thus the charge of cruelty against the carnivora is unjust. These animals generally destroy their victims outright and in the rare cases (e.g., cat and mouse) where they prolong the suffering they have no knowledge of the pain they are causing. When, therefore, we stigmatize the conduct of the cruel man as "brutal" we wrong the brutes.

The animal which attacks another, and in so doing causes pain, merely responds to a blind unthinking instinct; but man, proud man, who looks before and after, is able to realize and take pleasure in the pain he deliberately, and by subtle means maybe, sets out to cause. It is clearly absurd to speak of his conduct as "brutal." Rather should we call it devilish, the devil usually being credited with a goodly share of intelligence. We must cease to libel the brutes by designating the basest acts of a man as brutal. As a matter of fact, they cannot be charged with non-moral conduct, seeing that they are devoid of self-consciousness.

HUGH CAMPBELL, in the *Lancel*, London

What is the object of the Bands of Mercy? To teach and lead every child and older person to seize every opportunity to say a kind word or to do a kind act that will make some other human being or some dumb creature happier.

George T. Angell

ROBIN REDBREAST

R. AD HALL

YOU here again, you chirpin' robin;
Your voice attuned, and head a bobbin',
With gay Miss Spring just now hobnobbin',
At early morn;
And left another to her sobbin',
Bereft, forlorn?

Say, did you jill that Jennie Wren,
Coquettish, comely little hen,
That built her hidden home, and then
Perched high to sing,
And, winsome, wooed you, Robin, when
Late lagged the spring?

There now you gain on nimble wing
A lofty perch, from which you sing;
Then back to earth yourself you fling,
With nought to fear;
Locate a worm, or some such thing,
With down-turned ear.

How sensitively must you hear,
Though auricles do not appear,
To find just where there's wriggling near,
The early worm;
Then seize him with your tweezers queer,
Despite his squirm.

Is this thing true I hear attested:
You saw the Son of Man arrested,
And with a prickly crown invested;
You plucked a thorn;
Blood gushed, and made you scarlet-breasted,
E'er since that morn?

Each year you come with wings a-flop,
To warble from some tall tree-top,
Or o'er the furrowed field to hop;
Then must the storm
Give place to sun and growing crop
And summer warm.

Whence came to you this weather lore?
Who tells you when the winter's o'er:
Confides to you the truth before
The storms subside?
Tell me your secret, I implore,
Prophet of pride!

WINGED WEATHER PROPHETS

CARL SCHURZ LOWDEN

UNDOUBTEDLY one of the most elusive birds in all the United States is the rain crow or cuckoo. I have followed his steadily retreating call for hours and not once discovered him. He seemed to mock me and taunt me and jeer at me because he knew how to glide away on silent wings and because he was a ventriloquist.

There are old men who never have seen a cuckoo. Yes, they have heard him many times. They will tell you that he sounds his mournful call before a rain. Therefore he has acquired a considerable reputation as a weather prophet, and that explains why he is commonly known as a rain crow.

About three months elapsed between the time that I tried to see the cuckoo and the time that I succeeded. Instead of chasing him, I secreted myself in his neighborhood and waited for him to come within sight. He glides so swiftly and so noiselessly that you must be very sharp-eyed and alert to catch a glimpse of him.

When you have located a cuckoo, you can sometimes get beneath the tree in which he perches if you will approach him from the rear and match your stealth with his. Act as



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if you were endeavoring to catch a criminal. After you have seen a cuckoo, you will more readily find others.

Two species, the yellow-billed and the black-billed, are common in the United States east of the Great Plains. The California cuckoo, a relative of the yellow-billed, ranges from Colorado and Texas to the Pacific coast.

The yellow-billed cuckoo has a prominent distinguishing mark. His back and upper parts are brown and the underparts are creamy white. His tail is edged with white-tipped feathers so that in looking at him from above or below it seems to be bordered with thumb marks.

The black-billed birds are generally brown above and white below. They do not possess the exquisite tail serrations of the yellow-billed. The latter measures twelve and one-fourth inches from the tip of its beak to the tip of its tail, whereas the black-billed is one-half inch shorter.

The cuckoos, or rain crows, are very valuable from an economic standpoint. Probably no other birds surpass them in the amount of destructive insects and larvae that they account for. In 109 stomachs of the yellow-billed the following assortment of crop-killers was found: caterpillars, 1,365; beetles, 93; grasshoppers, 214; bugs, 69; spiders, 86; sawflies, 37; other flies, 6. A single wheel-bug was the only useful insect eaten.

Examination of the black-billed birds disclosed the fact that they like the same menu as the yellow-billed and that they have a stronger appetite for squash-bugs, which are particularly harmful. Of the two varieties of these flying friends of the farmers the Bureau of Biological Survey says: "These species are much given to eating caterpillars, and, unlike most birds, do not reject those covered with hair. In fact, cuckoos eat so many hairy caterpillars that the hairs pierce the inner lining of the stomach and remain there."

The preservation of our birds is our patriotic duty. They eat the pests which eat the grain and plants that are needed for our boys in khaki, the people of the allied nations, and ourselves.

A Bit About Bears

EL COMANCHO

IN the days before settlers came into the West in numbers sufficient to have an influence on the wild animal life, the grizzly bear was a great traveler. By "grizzly" I mean also the bears called "silvertip" and "cinnamon," as they are all one and the same animal, the difference being simply one of variation in individuals of the same species. The grizzly and black bears are the only bears found in the United States despite wild tales from hunters and others who think there are possibly a dozen kinds.

The black bear is a clown pure and simple; he is like a big, fat, happy and contented child who thinks everything that isn't made to eat is made to sleep on or to play with. He is an omnivorous eater, devouring ants, bees, grasshoppers, green grass, leaves, wild onions, all kinds of berries, fresh meats, fish, carrion, honey, grubs, bark, and a long list of other things, all with the same happy-go-lucky abandon and disregard for his stomach, and he is always hungry.

He is eternally playing when he is not eating or sleeping, and he has as good a disposition as any animal I know. I have never heard of a black bear attacking a man, though it will fight back right well and heartily if cornered and attacked. The black bear is just a fat, good-natured joke to men who really know the mountains where he lives all over the West, and I do not know of a single old-time mountain man who will kill a black bear wantonly or unless he needs meat or a robe — and he'll have to need either of these pretty badly before he shoots a black bear at that, for he likes the fat furry rascals much as he likes a neighbor's dog.

The grizzly is an entirely different proposition. In the old days — no longer back than 1890, even — grizzlies were rather plentiful pretty much all over the mountainous West from Mexico to the Arctic. They roamed about through all the mountain ranges from the Black Hills to the Pacific and reached their greatest size in Alaska. They used to cross the country regularly from the Rockies to the Black Hills of Dakota, a matter of several hundred miles, and they thought nothing of living for days at a time far out among the "Bad Lands" or almost anywhere in the rougher sections of the plains country where they found feed conditions good.

The grizzly ate much the same food as his cousin, the black bear, but he moved on very quickly whenever any section of the country was "fed-up." Both species "dened up" in the fall about the time of the first cold weather and they hibernated until spring. Decidedly they did not "suck their paws," but lived in a state of suspended animation until the next spring, a wise provision of nature for taking care of her own through bitter weather.

The grizzly was short-tempered and frequently attacked men in the old days. It was only when he learned to fear man as a species that he gave up attacking him and gave up the habit of traveling far and wide by day for the safer and much more conservative program of sticking close to a given "range" among the mountains and of hiding during the day. The grizzlies learned through contact with the cattlemen who shot them and even caught many with lassos (called "roping") in the days of the open range.

Because the bears, as a species, could and did work out this idea of a limited "range" and practise living on it they are alive and quite

plentiful today, whereas they would have been exterminated long ago if they had stuck to their original roaming habits. They carry the keenest noses of all the wild animals, I firmly believe, and every man who has lived in the wilds for long, myself included, believes that the whole bear tribe can reason and think things out in a way that is as near human as any animal ever gets.

A short article can only give the merest outline of the habits and ways of these happy wilderness denizens who love life and a good time as well as any of us, and are entitled to it, for they destroy a lot of vermin as they go along every day and yet they do not now harm man in any way and will make friends with him if given a chance, even to the short-tempered grizzly. The grizzlies alive today are in the mountain ranges, mostly the Rockies and outlying spurs, where they do not injure or even bother people or crops or stock.

The black bear is a timber dweller and more adaptable than the big grizzly, so he still survives to some extent in Maine and the eastern mountains and among the swamps and canebrakes of the South and is quite plentiful in the Pacific Northwest even as far east as the Rockies of Montana and south to the Oregon line. In the Cascade mountains of the coast he is as plentiful as ever, and probably will be for years on account of the rough and very heavily timbered country.

All bears should be protected from killing by law nowadays as they are no longer a menace to humanity and there is no reason why they should be killed for "sport" or any other cause.

The Indians never killed bears unless they had to for self-protection or under peculiar religious (called "medicine" and really meaning "magic") conditions. The Blackfoot tribe of Montana called the grizzly Omuk-u-kyaiu or "Sticky-mouth," and the black bear they called Sik-u-kyaiu. These Indians were very much afraid of the "medicine" power of bears and would not sleep on a bear skin robe or touch a bear if they could help it except as a religious rite connected with their "medicine" beliefs.

BRUIN'S FATAL MISTAKE

L. V. KELLY

THE fat, sleek bear with the furry ears and the sharp, light-colored snout shading to the black of the rest of his coat scuffled along on his sturdy legs looking for a promising breakfast place. It was very early summer, the rivers were high and muddy, fishing was poor, the berries were not ripe and the best food was found in tender roots, or from bugs and grubs from in and under rotting tree-trunks and logs. Once a passing porcupine drew a glance of interest, once he sat up on his round haunches and gazed long and soberly at a ribbon of faint smoke that arose lazily above the trees some distance away. The sound of a hunter's axe caused him to grunt in some haste, but with no sign of fear or nervousness, and bury himself deeper in the thick underbrush. Then, without warning he came into a little clear space where a tent stood alone, with flaps closed. This was interesting. The year before he had ventured into such a place and found it full of wonderful sweets, juicy hams, luscious bacon. This place smelled exactly as the other had, and he swaggered as he slipped along to the canvas walls. At one end, where the odor of molasses was particularly strong, he found that there was an opening, and he thrust his head in and followed with his body. It looked just as the other place had — there were boxes and bags and tin cans. He took another confident step — when cruel, jagged steel teeth buried themselves on his left foreleg. In a frenzy of pain and fear he turned to escape and found he could make progress though his advance was hampered by the pain of the crushed limb and a short piece of small log that was chained to the trap. Into the timber he plunged until in a mass of fallen trees the drag caught and held him.

The man who had set the trap came along and was pleased to find his trap gone and a broad trail left by the dragging log. He followed, with gun and kodak, and in time came to the tangle of tree-trunks where the trapped bear looked first into the eye of the kodak and then, for a final moment, into the smaller eye of the sinister rifle.



"THE TRAPPED BEAR LOOKED INTO THE EYE OF THE SINISTER RIFLE"

BE KIND TO ANIMALS



Cats have feelings

THIS POSTER WON THE FOURTH PRIZE, A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO "OUR DUMB ANIMALS," IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, IN THE CONTEST OF THE MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A.

In colors, by John Henry Gonsalves, Woburn High School

A HOMELESS CAT

SAIDEE GERARD RUTHRAUFF

HOMELESS and draggled — piteous — in sad
and sorry plight —
Pleading with all its little heart some shelter from
the night —
Some haven from the searching cold and from the
threatening rain,
Not much to pray of anyone, and yet its prayer
was vain!
So many footsteps hurrying by,
But never one to heed its cry!

Poor little lonely stranger in a strange and lonely
land!
Are hearts so hard, or is it that they do not under-
stand
How filled with woe, how desolate a creature-thing
may be?
O, never blind to suffering was The Man of
Galilee —
And should He hear that pleading cry,
What think you? Would He pass it by?

THE common interests of humanity and science demand that vivisection, like the study of human anatomy in the dissecting room, should be brought under the direct supervision and control of the State; the practice, whether in public or in private, should be restricted by law to certain definite objects and surrounded by every possible safeguard against license or abuse."

DR. ALBERT LEFFINGWELL

AN INTELLIGENT CAT

BRANDER BANKHEAD

BUSTER was a fine cat. His master said he could do everything but talk. The two of them, master and cat, were close friends and spent many evenings together. They had spent so much time together that there was a complete understanding between them.

One evening, Buster's master was sitting with his back to the light reading, when he felt something touch his foot. He shuffled his foot over the carpet, thinking the cat wanted to play. But Buster did not jump at his ankle as he had expected. Instead, in a moment, the soft little tap came again. He did not look up but said, "Buster, what do you want?" and went on reading. For the third time, the cat touched his foot. This time he looked down and said:—

"Why, Buster! What's the matter?"

The cat touched him again, and he noted that the cat's eyes were directed past his face at something behind him. When he turned, he saw the lamp blazing high out of the chimney and threatening to set fire to a lace curtain which was blowing out into the room in the breeze from an open window.

He turned down the flame and stooped to stroke the cat, who rubbed, purring, against his hand with every indication of gratification. That man will never be convinced that Buster did not apprehend the danger and deliberately attract his attention and so save his house if not his life.

THE MASCOT OF COMPANY K

102nd Infantry, 26th Division, U. S. A., in Boston Parade, April 25, 1919

LOUELLA C. POOLE

GAILY marching to shrill fife and drum,
With swinging stride up the street they come,
With laughter and jestings gay!
Home again from the terrible strife,
The thunder of battle, the strenuous life,
Home to mother, sweetheart and wife,
Hurrah for Company K!

Trotting along in a manner staid,
With honored place in the great parade,
This most eventful day,
Comes beautiful Fanny, — Fanny the goat,
White as milk is her silky coat,
A knot of the colors tied at her throat, —
Mascot of Company K!

A blanket of olive-drab she wears
That on one side the insignia bears —
Eighteen months in the fray;
And on the other a stripe of gold
For the wound received in action bold,
When she did her "bit," so we are told,
As member of Company K!

"Over the top" more than once went she —
This member of goat aristocracy,
Mascot of Company K!
Sharing the hardships as well as the joys,
Sharing the feasts and good luck of the boys —
The long, weary marches, the mud and the noise,
Storm and stress of the fray.

Hurrah for the laddies, brave-hearted, true!
Hats off to Old Glory, the Red, White and Blue,
Moving along on its way!
Hurrah for our heroes, nobly they bore
Their part in the strife — thank God it's now o'er!
And three cheers for Fanny, home from the war,
Mascot of Company K!

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DR. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President
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NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Five hundred and seven new Bands of Mercy were reported in April. Of these 184 were in schools of Connecticut; 112 in schools of Massachusetts; 60 in schools of Texas; 57 in schools of South Carolina; 56 in schools of Rhode Island; 31 in schools of Georgia; and one each in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Nebraska, Idaho and Wyoming.

Total Number Bands of Mercy, 118,294

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE DOG THAT SPOKE — A Story of Fact

REV. A. D. BELDEN, B. D., Westcliff-on-Sea, England

I WONDER how many of the boys and girls who read this know where to find in the Bible the story of the ass that spoke. You have perhaps read with delight those stories written by the Greek slave Æsop, in which all the animals talk. Well, if you look in the Book of Numbers you will see these words: "And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, 'What have I done to thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?'" That is the kind of remark many other poor creatures might make to their masters, is it not? Of course, the story does not tell us in what language the ass spoke, but I suppose it could hardly have been human language, though indeed some people think it was. As a rule, however, we find that all creatures have a language of their own, and this ass spoke, I think, in asses' language, and Balaam was able to translate it because his conscience was pricking him badly for being so cruel to his faithful friend.

Having read that story you will not be surprised to hear that during the last air-raid on our town in England, a dog spoke and saved his master's life. It was like this. A certain man had an allotment, and instead of working on it between-whiles on Sunday and going to Church as he should have done, every Sunday he worked on it in the afternoon and evening. He took with him, as a rule, a dog, of which he was very fond.

On this Sunday evening of the raid doggie began to get very excited. He trotted off the allotment in the direction of home, and then ran back to his master again and again, saying, with all his eyes and face and tail and voice, "Please come home with me." At last his master got up, and said, "Oh, if you will go home I suppose I may as well come too!" Very nice of him, don't you think, not to let doggie go home alone? In about half an hour after they got home a number of giant Gotha aeroplanes came over the town, dropping their terrible bombs. No one, I am glad to say, was hurt in that part of the town, but when the man went to look at his allotment, he found a bomb had dropped right on it, and the chair on which he had been resting had been smashed to splinters.

So please don't you ever say that animals don't speak, and that God does not give them messages to men. But, by the way, if that man had not loved his doggie and been kind enough not to let it go home alone he would have certainly lost his life. Is it not wonderful that God should have given such strange powers to creatures that we, in our pride, so often call "lower" than ourselves? I have heard that the first folk on the East Coast to know of a North Sea Battle, are not the people who have newspapers, but the *pheasants*. Are you always kind to these wonderful friends God has given us?

THE CRIPPLE AND THE SONG SPARROW

BETH NICHOLS

UP to my window he comes each day
For the tiny crumbs on my little tray
And looks at me in the funniest way,
Heigh-ho, song sparrow.

He scolds and chatters and gossips, too,
As all home-keepers have to do —
At two gray doves that bill and coo,
Heigh-ho, song sparrow.

What would I do on my bed of pain
When the long gray days are filled with rain
If no sparrow came to my window pane?
Heigh-ho, song sparrow.

Off to the topmost twig of a tree
He flies and sings this song to me:
"I'm glad I'm a bird, for I'm free, I'm free,"
Heigh-ho, song sparrow.

I'm glad he is free to sing to me
His song of freedom so joyously
Up on the topmost twig of the tree,
Heigh-ho, song sparrow.

KEEP CATS INDOORS AT NIGHT

IN the country, at this time when birds are rearing their young, it is especially important to keep cats in at night, as it is generally in the early morning that the birds are caught by them. Some watchfulness is needed in the day, also, at this time, if we care to preserve the lives of our useful friends, the birds.

Are you going away or changing your residence? Please do not leave your cat behind you. If you think she can take care of herself you are quite mistaken, for the cat is an animal that needs to be cared for.

THE FRIENDSHIP OF A CAT AND CHICK

J. R. SCHMIDT

THE little chick was the sole survivor of a brood of six chicks deserted by an old mother hen. In its misery and lonesomeness, little chick had none to turn to but old black Bessie, the family cat, with a reputation for killing rats and birds. Misery here made strange companions, for, instead of Bessie living up to her past reputation, she did just the opposite with the chick and is now its strange foster-mother.



With loving care Bessie watches over the little orphan, keeping it close to her warm fur, where it nestles as contentedly as if it were with the mother hen. When chick wanders too far away to please mother cat, she reaches out and takes it gently in her mouth and puts it back safely by her side just as if she were carrying a kitten in mother-cat fashion.

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A REAL FRIEND OF ANIMALS

FRIDA HAAS, *New York*

A FEW days ago I had occasion to pick up a tiny kitten, just weaned from the mother, on the street, and as I did not succeed in finding a home for the helpless little thing, I made up my mind to bring it to the shelter of the American S. P. C. A. Alighting from the elevated station two blocks away from the shelter and descending the stairs to the street, a man passed me with two rather bulky bundles. It turned out that his destination, too, was the shelter, and when we met there before the desk, he unpacked his bundles, which contained two big cats, one of which had a broken leg, while the other one showed plainly visible traces of that much dreaded disease, the mange.

We got into conversation, and I learned that the man made daily — winter or summer, rain or shine, week-day or Sunday — several trips to the shelter, bringing in homeless cats and dogs from all parts of the city. His occupation as chauffeur for a truck brought him to some of the vilest and densest populated sections of the great metropolis, and wherever he saw a stray animal, he would at once stop his car, get off, and bundle up the animal, to deposit it at the shelter on his way home.

Mr. H. had always been a lover of animals, but what really caused him to devote every minute of his spare time and a good deal of money to this worthy cause was the fact that about ten years ago the men whom he had considered his best friends, and whom he had trusted with every cent of his hard earned money, had treacherously "sold him out" to his competitors, thereby not only ruining him financially, but at the same time killing all his confidence in mankind. From that day on he had turned all his attention to the relief of the helpless dumb creatures to whom he has become a real benefactor.

Not satisfied with his own share in relieving their sad lot, he had cards printed and distributed in schools and other public institutions, imploring people to be kind to animals and to

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